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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6018

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMBASSY GABORONE 1660

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, RH

SUBJ: RHODESIA FRONT CHAIRMAN RESIGNS, GENERAL ELECTIONS NOT
FORESEEN:

1. ACCORDING TO JULY 3 LUSAKA PRESS, RHODESIAN FRONT CHAIRMAN
DES FROST RESIGNED JULY 2 AND ACCUSED SMITH OF DEMONSTRATING
"A TOTAL LACK OF LEADERSHIP, PLANNING, AND DIRECTION." SOUTH
AFRICAN BORN FROST CHARGED "THE REFUSAL TO PLAN POLITICALLY
FOR THE FUTURE, INSTEAD OF TIME AND AGAIN WAITING FOR OUTSIDERS
TO FORCE THEIR INVARIABLY UNACCEPTABLE TERMS ON US WITH THE
INEVITABLE RESULT THAT WHEN TALKS BREAK DOWN WE HAVE NOTHING
WORTHWHILE TO PUT IN THEIR PLACE, IS SOUL-DESTROYING13 YEARS
OF NEGOTIATIONS, NEGOTIATION WITHOUT INTENDING TO PRODUCE
RESULTS HAS BECOME A WAY OF LIFE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TO
THE POINT WHERE HE IS COMPLETELY BANKRUPT OF IDEAS." IN
REACTION TO FROST DEPARTURE, SMITH COUNTERCHARGED ON JULY 4
THAT "CLEARLY THE MAN IS COMPLETELY TWO-FACED AND THIS GIVES
YOU SOME IDEA OF THE PROBLEM I HAVE (HAD) FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS
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TRYING TO WORK WITH HIM." PRESS REPORTS FROST IS EXPECTED
TO JOIN 12 RIGHT-WING RHODESIAN FRONT DISSIDENTS WHO BROKE
AWAY IN JUNE IN PROTEST AGAINST SMITH'S LEADERSHIP.

2. JULY 5 LUSAKA PRESS REPORTED WIDESPREAD RUMORS WITHIN
RHODESIA THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY FOLLOW FROST RESIGNATION
AND SMITH'S DECISION AGAINST HOLDING THEM. FACTORS DICTATING

SMITH DECISION ALLEGEDLY WERE UNCRETAIN STATUS OF ONGOING ANGOLA-
AMERICAN INITIATIVE AND CONTINUING GUERRILLA WAR IN TERRITORY.
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